

I urge the FCC to not do anything that will further compromise the precarious situation that the airwaves are facing. I bought satellite radio because I was unable to get even ONE liberal am talk radio show in my town (and I live in San Francisco). All I get on am is Rush, Hannity, Savage, etc..... I was so upset about this that I began to research why there are no alternative voices reporting fair and balanced news or talk radio even in the Bay area... what I discovered is that right wing neoconservative republicans have been systematically laying down the infrastructure to buy up airwaves since the deregulation of how many stations any one person can own (Clear Channel, Fox, etc...). In our area... clear channel that is run by a right wing republican extremist from Texas has not allowed any liberal talk radio on their airwaves and they have a monopoly of stations, they have blocked Air America and will not put any liberal voices on their programs.... trust me there is much more of a market for liberal radio in the Bay area than for the likes of Rush.. so when they say there is no market.... it is 100% false. The right wing also incorrecing asserts that the media is predominantly liberal.... NOT true at all (see mediawatch.com) Out of frustration people in the Bay area have taken up boycotting buisnesses that advertise on these right wing conservative talk radio stations. Even if you are a conservative republican reading this you should be concerned.... after all this is suppose to be America... not Nazi Germany. Even our troops in the U.S. military are only being allowed to listen to Rush Limbaugh when they did not even ask to have any talk radio. I urge the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160. I further urge the FCC to investigate the monopolizing of the airwaves and the unbalanced reporting of news and talk radio. There is real danger in losing our democracy when one group monopolizes and manipulates the media. I am not a radical, or a left winger.... I am an emergency room nurse, mother, wife, professor of nursing, and a very concerned and outraged American who is appalled at what is happening at the hands of this administration and this republican controlled senate and congress. I urge you to keep Satellite radio available..... especially in this critical time.... if not for the internet there would be little truth in the media getting out at all. Please help the airwaves to represent not just ONE radical right wing view.

Most Sincerely, Erin Cunningham